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Attention: Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming, MS 82

Dear Mr. Morales:

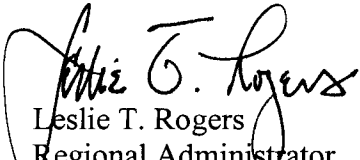
SUBJECT: Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) FTIP Amendments No. 6-8


We have completed our review of the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2002/2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendments No. 6, 7 and 8 submitted by your letter dated August 29, 2003. KCOG adopted these amendments on April 16, June 17, and July 21, 2003, respectively.

We approve these amendments in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendments were developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by these amendments do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of TCAG's FTIP Amendments No. 6-8 into California's 2002/2003 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
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For
Gary N. Hamby
Division Administrator
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